

**INVESTMENT OF FUNDS BY CERTAIN MUNICIPAL  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES****CHAPTER 581**

H.B. No. 3333

**AN ACT****relating to the investment of funds by certain municipal hospital authorities.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 262.039(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to an authority that:

(1) is located in:

(A) a county of 2.4 ~~[3-3]~~ million or more; or

(B) a municipality of less than 15,000;

(2) has assets that exceed the amount of any ~~[no]~~ outstanding bonds issued under Subchapter D; and

(3) does not ~~[own or]~~ operate a hospital.

**SECTION 2.** This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 16, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

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**INTERSTATE COMPACTS AND COOPERATIVE  
AGREEMENTS RELATING TO STATE PURCHASING****CHAPTER 582**

H.B. No. 3342

**AN ACT****relating to interstate compacts and cooperative agreements relating to state purchasing.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 2156.181, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The commission may enter into one or more compacts, interagency agreements, or cooperative purchasing agreements *directly* with one or more state governments, agencies of other states, or other governmental entities *or may participate in, sponsor, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement through an entity that facilitates those agreements* for the purchase of goods or services if the commission determines that *the* ~~[entering into an]~~ agreement would be in the best interest of the state.

*(a-1) A compact or agreement described by this section may not be used to purchase services that are defined as part of the practice of engineering under Section 1001.003, Occupations Code, or architecture under Section 1051.001, Occupations Code.*

**SECTION 2.** This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2015: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3342 on May 23, 2015: Yeas 125, Nays 6, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**LEVEL OF CARE DESIGNATIONS FOR HOSPITALS THAT  
PROVIDE NEONATAL AND MATERNAL CARE**

**CHAPTER 583**

H.B. No. 3433

**AN ACT**

**relating to level of care designations for hospitals that provide neonatal and maternal care.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Sections 241.187(b), (d), and (j), Health and Safety Code, as added by Chapter 217 (H.B. 15), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The advisory council consists of 19 [17] members appointed by the executive commissioner as follows:

(1) four physicians licensed to practice medicine under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, specializing in neonatology:

(A) at least two of whom practice in a Level III or IV neonatal intensive care unit; and

(B) at least one of whom practices in a neonatal intensive care unit of a hospital located in a rural area;

(2) one physician licensed to practice medicine under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, specializing in general pediatrics;

(3) two physicians licensed to practice medicine under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, specializing in obstetrics-gynecology;

(4) two physicians licensed to practice medicine under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, specializing in maternal fetal medicine;

(5) *two physicians* [~~one physician~~] licensed to practice medicine under Subtitle B, Title 3, Occupations Code, specializing in family practice who *provide* [~~provides~~] obstetrical care in a rural community, *at least one of whom must provide such care at a hospital that has 50 or fewer patient beds and that is:*

(A) *located in a county with a population of 60,000 or less; or*

(B) *designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a critical access hospital, rural referral center, or sole community hospital;*

(6) one registered nurse licensed under Subtitle E, Title 3, Occupations Code, with expertise in maternal health care delivery;

(7) one registered nurse licensed under Subtitle E, Title 3, Occupations Code, with expertise in perinatal health care delivery;

(8) one representative from a children's hospital;

(9) one representative from a hospital with a Level II neonatal intensive care unit;

(10) *two representatives* [~~one representative~~] from a rural hospital, *at least one of whom must be an administrative representative from a hospital that has 50 or fewer patient beds and that is:*

(A) *located in a county with a population of 60,000 or less; or*

(B) *designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a critical access hospital, rural referral center, or sole community hospital;*

(11) one representative from a general hospital; and